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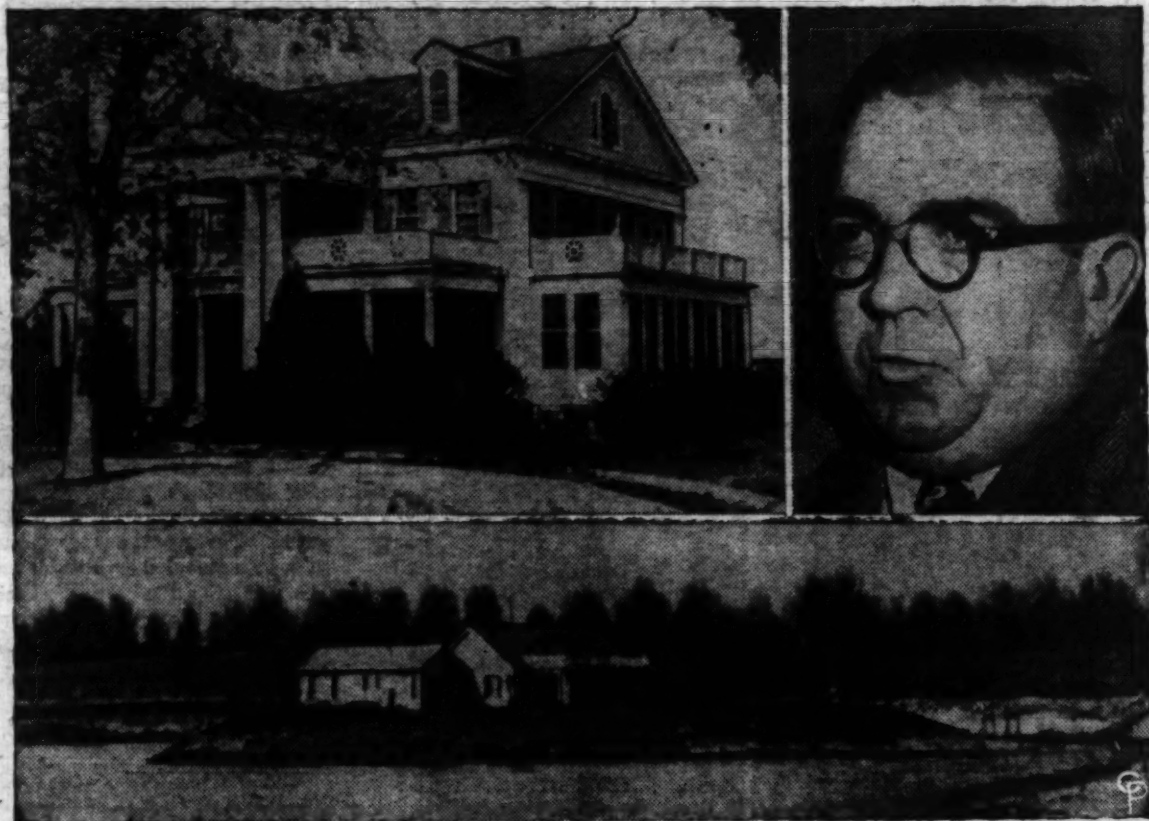
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## The White Supremacy Racket:

# BILBO 'CHURCH GIFT' SHRINKS TO \$1,285

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**BILBO'S "DREAM HOUSE:"** Mississippi contractor Mike T. Morrissey (top right) told the Senate War Investigating Committee probing Sen. Bilbo's dealings with war contractors that he gave Bilbo an auto and built an artificial lake and "Dream House Junior" (bottom) on his Poplarville estate, charging the cost to government contracts. Top left is Bilbo's "Dream House No. 1."

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## WORLD EVENTS

# Atom Vote Delayed To Seek Full Accord

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The Atomic Energy Commission of the United Nations decided today not to take a hasty vote on the U. S. control plan but to continue its discussion in an effort to reach unanimous accord. Earlier, Bernard Baruch had moved adoption of the U. S. proposal, but Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko, raising questions about the plan, including its non-veto provision, requested continuation of the discussion.

Speaking with great vigor, the aging, white-haired Baruch called for immediate action. He also proposed certain amendments to his plan, one of which calls for eliminating the veto in punishing violators.

After speeches in support of the Baruch plan by Canada, Australia and Great Britain, young dark-haired Gromyko took the floor. He spoke softly, emphasizing that the discussion was still tentative, and that he wanted more time to study the U. S. plan.

He recalled that it was only Saturday when the General Assembly unanimously passed its disarmament resolution. Gromyko said it seemed to him that "parts of the U. S. proposal did not conform to the Assembly decision."

Gromyko noted five points which he said were not clear or were in contradiction to the Assembly resolution. These were:

1. While the Assembly resolution does not mention the veto, Baruch's plan provides for eliminating the unanimity provision in applying sanctions against violators.

2. The U. S. plan is critical of a convention which would ban atomic weapons, and at the same time calls for such a convention.

3. The plan asserts the supremacy of the international authority, but says it will not interfere in the work of national control agencies. **STOCKPILE PRESERVED**

4. The Baruch plan makes no specific provision for the destruction of existing bombs.

5. While the plan calls for prohibition of atomic weapons, it also empowers the international authority "to carry on atomic research for destructive purposes," in the words of the Baruch resolution.

France's Alexandre Parodi agreed with the substance of the Baruch plan but noted that it would call for paragraph-by-paragraph consideration.

Poland's delegate Oscar Lange emphasized the importance of getting Big Five agreement beforehand, because the Security Council could not accept the entire plan unless there was such agreement.

Baruch finally agreed to a proposal to resume discussion Friday.

## Pays Xmas Visit, Stabs Stepfather

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A 15-year-old boy who went to his mother's home tonight to receive Christmas presents stabbed and killed his stepfather during a family quarrel, police said.

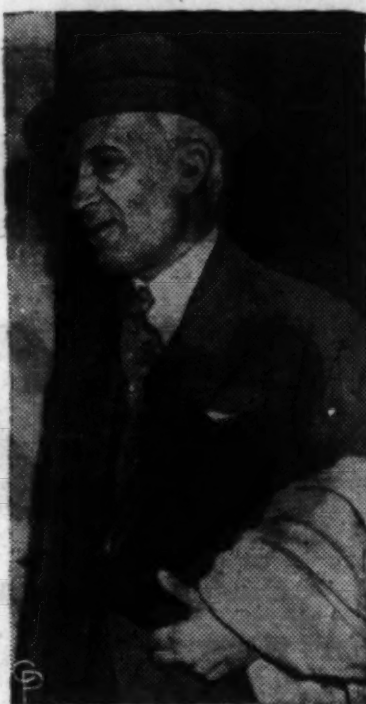
The dead man was Charles Cencenich, 50, an optometrist who married Mrs. Mary Healy a year ago.

Her son, Melbourne Healey, Jr., told police the couple had been drinking and began to quarrel.

Cencenich began to choke his wife, the boy said. Police quoted the youth as saying he picked up a 10-inch butcher knife and stabbed his stepfather in the back. Cencenich died shortly after being taken to a hospital.

## Danny Kaye's a Papa

A five-pound daughter was born yesterday at Woman's Hospital to Mrs. Danny Kaye, wife of the film star.



PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, vice-president of the Indian Interim government yesterday denied reports quoting him that India would vote itself out of the British empire. He said there is no prospect of immediate Indian withdrawal from the empire, but that independence will be required by the constitution now being drafted.

## Boy Survives 13,000-Volt Shock

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—Nine-year-old John Floyd, playing on top of a box car today, accidentally touched a power line carrying 13,000 volts of electricity. He not only survived, but suffered no injury.



## WORLD BRIEFS

### Byrnes Wants Connally, Vandenberg With Him

SECRETARY BYRNES is seeking to bring Senator Vandenberg and Connally with him in all future peace treaty negotiations, including the Moscow conference on Germany in March. In a defense of Connally's behavior at UN Byrnes said he didn't know of any senator who worked harder than Connally.

GERMAN DOCTORS forced two Russian officers to stand in ice-water for more than four hours, till they froze to death, a former medical assistant at Dachau admitted before the American War crimes tribunal.

DR. FURTWAENGLER, leading German musician, was cleared by a German denazification court of being allied with the Nazis.

BRITISH food minister John Strachey announced in Commons that the U. S. promised to ship more than 36,000 tons of flour to avoid a Christmas ration cut.

U. S. ARMY officers were investigating a report that American constabulary lined three Russian army officers against a wall in the American zone at Hersfeld. The Russians were members of

## Report Fighting In Kiangsu

Communist forces have launched a counterattack against Yencheng, recently occupied by the Kuomintang, and fierce fighting is raging along the Kiangsu and Shantung coasts, United Press reported yesterday.

The newspaper Ta Kung-pao claimed 200,000 Communists were massed on the Kiangsu-Shantung border and that 50,000 were nearing Palyangnagan, 10 miles northeast of Yencheng.

Heavy fighting was reported at Hsingchang, seven miles northwest of Yencheng.

The newspaper Hsin Min-pao reported that Chiang Kai-shek's troops captured Lienshui.

Manchuria Kuomintang headquarters in Mukden, announced yesterday Chiang's forces had halted their drive on Dairen to await high command orders for their assault on the city, 39 miles away.

United States troops will not be withdrawn from China in the foreseeable future, inspired reports from U. S. Army headquarters in Peking, China, indicated yesterday, according to UP.

In addition to 2,000 Army personnel in Peking 1,000 wives and children arrived recently. The Marines are being used to protect railway lines and communication for the Kuomintang war against the Communists.

the Soviet restitution commission.

VENEZUELA'S constitutional assembly met to adopt a new charter, elect a provisional president and approve the acts of the Junta, in power since the October, 1945, revolution.

THE JAPANESE turned the Burma-Siam railroad project into a living morgue, affidavits in the Tokyo war crimes trial said. The Japanese army pushed laborers at the cost of untold lives.

AN ATOMIC science center will be established near Paris, according to United Press reports, which cited sources close to the leading French physicist, Dr. Frederick Joliot-Curie.

RADIO MOSCOW claimed the coldest spot in the world is Kolyma Taiga in Siberia where a temperature of 90 degrees below zero has been recorded.

NAPLES workers struck in protest against food conditions.

JAPANESE trade unions, supported by the Communist Party, led a 500,000 strong demonstration demanding a change of government.

# Labor MP's Ask Ouster of British Tory Diplomats

An informed source in London said yesterday that the parliamentary Labor Party's external affairs committee had adopted unanimously a report accusing some British diplomats in Europe of "varying degrees of anti-Russian intrigue and propaganda," according to United Press.

The report was drafted by a sub-committee after eight months' study. The external affairs committee, according to this source, adopted it Sunday night at a secret meeting.

None of the diplomats was named. But the adopted report recommended specific reforms to take the Foreign Office out of the "influence of old school tie" career diplomats tied too long to the policies of Tory governments.

It accused some British diplomats in Europe of bolstering the hopes of representatives of the "old order," instead of establishing sympathetic contact with the leftwing leaders now in control of the governments.

"Especially in central and eastern European legations there are varying degrees of anti-Russian intrigue and propaganda, some of it vocal," the report was quoted. "In some cases, standards of personal behavior leave much to be desired."

It recommended that these representatives be replaced, at least temporarily, if no satisfactory personnel can be found in the Foreign Office, with "able persons" from universities, commerce, the professions, labor unions and other departments of the civil service.

## Latins Hit AFL's Imperialist Aid

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 15. (delayed)—The Latin American Confederation of Labor today condemned the American Federation of Labor as an instrument of American imperialism below the Rio Grande. At the concluding session of the Latin American trade unions' executive committee, the AFL was charged with efforts to disrupt the unity of the Latin American labor organizations.

Vicente Lombardo Toledano presided over the meeting and then flew to New York to address the Salute to the Spanish Republic in Madison Square Garden. The meeting also termed the Truman plan for a single western hemisphere military organization as an attempt to destroy the sovereignty of Latin American countries.

## Blum Interim Cabinet Gets Confidence Vote

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Premier Leon Blum and his all-Socialist cabinet were given an overwhelming vote of confidence by the National Assembly today.

Before the vote, the Communists accused the MRP (Popular Republican Movement) of prolonging the three-week political crisis.

Blum opened the debate in a low, trembling voice.

He notified the French people that they will be asked to bow to severe fiscal measures, to suppress all waste, and to scrupulously use all resources.

He restated the French policy on Germany, which is to prevent the reconstruction of war industries, to obtain Ruhr coal and other reparations, and bring about the economic control of the Saar by France.

As he stepped down from the platform Socialists arose to applaud him. They were followed by Communists, MRP's and deputies of the Left Republican Union.

All party spokesmen pledged their support to Blum, but made it clear that they regarded his government as a make-shift one. Communist Party Secretary Jacques Dulcos reminded the Assembly that his was the strongest single party in France. That started a sharp exchange with the MRP. Dulcos charged that the MRP's had refused the Communist Party cabinet posts to which it was entitled.

## Workers' Groups Gagged in Istanbul

ANKARA, Turkey, Dec. 17.—The military commander in Istanbul has closed indefinitely labor and socialist headquarters and suspended publication of four newspapers and magazines, it was disclosed today.

Groups affected by the decree included headquarters and branches of the Turkish Socialist Party, the Turkish Socialist Peasant Party, the Union of Workers Syndicate and the Workers Club.

## MESSERSMITH CALLED BACK TO REVIEW LATIN POLICY

George Messersmith, U. S. ambassador to Argentina, has been ordered back to Washington for consultations that may broaden into a full-dress review of U. S. policy in Latin America, according to United Press.

In the face of previous denials by his aides, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes yesterday confirmed that Messersmith had been told to come home. The semi-official version allowed to circulate yesterday was that, if Messersmith did return, it would be at his own request and solely for reasons of health.

Byrnes made it clear that the envoy's return did not concern his health. He told a press conference he wanted to discuss U. S. relations with all Latin American nations

rather than Argentina in particular. He went on to say the consultations will not concern Argentina's compliance or non-compliance with inter-American agreements, but he refused to elaborate because, he added, he has not told Messersmith what they will discuss and does not want him to learn first from the newspapers.

Byrnes added emphatically he is not calling Messersmith home to ask him for his resignation and has no information the ambassador intends to quit, as suggested in some published reports.

At a closed meeting of the American Legion in Buenos Aires recently, Messersmith advocated an anti-Soviet policy and urged encouragement of Peron in that direction.



## LABOR and the NATION

## OFFICE WORKERS KNOW:

## Appeasement of Red-Baiting Never Paid

## AN EDITORIAL

THE United Office and Professional Workers has established "an enviable record of accomplishments" in the nine years of its existence, as its declaration of policy issued Monday says. This union, starting with a handful of office workers and insurance agents who liberated themselves from AFL restraint, has grown under the CIO banner to a membership of nearly 70,000. It has set the pace for improvement of the welfare of office workers generally.

It should be added that this advance was made under progressive or, as others call it, "left-wing" leadership. This consisted primarily of a policy of unity, under which all members, irrespective of political or any other considerations, worked as a team. Only such teamwork could achieve success against the seemingly insurmountable difficulties the union met.

Success continued only to the degree that the union held steadfast to its line of all-inclusive unity and rejection of all red-baiting attacks aimed at disrupting and dividing it.

The Declaration of Policy adopted by the UOPWA's board in general reaffirms some of those policies but, while doing so, goes far to

the right of the CIO convention statement which, as everybody knows, was a compromise.

The basis for the CIO's resolution was the objective of keeping united the diverse elements making up the CIO. The inference in the CIO statement that the Communist Party interferes in the affairs of unions is not accurate, to say the least.

But what did Lewis Merrill, president of the UOPWA, say and do in making public his union's statement?

He announced his resignation as trustee of the Jefferson School of Social Science and as contributing editor of *New Masses*. Both the magazine and school are institutions in which Communists and non-Communist progressives find common ground and collaborate. Their place in the progressive movement is well recognized among all people whose thinking isn't warped by red-baiters.

In interpreting the CIO's and his own union's statements against "interference" as requiring leaders to sever connections with such progressive publications and organizations as the *New Masses* or the Jefferson School, Merrill went farther than even right-wing adherents had anticipated. This must have gladdened the

hearts of the red-baiters, for they never expected a voluntary purge.

In his personal statement, Merrill expresses strange views to justify his own action. He enjoins the union not to "become identified with this or that 'wing.'"

This "neutrality" is not unity but a retreat from the union's past policy of unity on the basis of a progressive, fighting program.

Merrill also pronounces the union's policy as a "middle-of-the-road course." And in language that defies his own constitution's protection of the rights of members, he demands that course on pain of discipline. He further suggests that those in the union's leadership who do not accept his interpretation of the policy statement may find themselves removed.

This is not in accord with the CIO's traditional progressive policies, nor even in accord with the statement of policy of the recent national convention. It is self-abasement by progressives. Under CIO policy, a member or an officer can be a member of the Communist Party or any other party he likes, and be an associate in any movement which isn't an anti-union movement. But he does so as an individual and

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## NATIONAL SCENE

## RAILROADS WANT TO UP VET FARES

EASTERN RAILROADS were trying to hedge out of their reduced fares for servicemen yesterday in a brief filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, claiming the lower rates were established "voluntarily" during the war. The ICC can't make them permanent, the railroads claim, and ask that the commission kill the reduced fares as of Jan. 30, 1947.

HOPE THAT a long-missing Marine Corps transport plane with 32 aboard had been located was aroused when State Forest Patrol Headquarters at Olympia, Washington, reported a signal fire on the slopes of Mt. Rainier, and assumed it was being handled with gasoline. A State Patrol plane took off toward the scene of the fire.

FORMER REP. William B. Umstead of Durham, N. C., was appointed by Gov. R. Gregg Cherry to serve the unexpired Senate term of the late Josiah W. Bailey.

ON A PLATFORM of "true liberalism" (?), former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota announced he intends to seek the 1948 Republican presidential nomination.

FEDERAL construction officials said the Burrillville Racing Association, Inc., Pawtucket, R. I., has agreed to halt further building of four stables at a race track at Lincoln, R. I. The Office of Temporary Controls said the work violated a limitation order which bans commercial and industrial construction not specifically authorized in advance.

UNRRA and the Agriculture Department failed to agree on which countries should receive grain turned over to UNRRA by the United States next January, when the department tried to tell the distribution organization where to send foodstuffs. Cruz of the situation is the submit-or-starve attitude of the State Department toward European nations.

## Bare Bilbo Held Tight To 'Gift' for Church

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Witnesses told a Senate War Investigating Subcommittee today Sen. Bilbo maintained exclusive control over the \$27,500 collected for his church and that only \$1,285 is still in the bank. In addition, the committee learned, Bilbo has refused to yield title to the elaborate church parsonage until he decides it is completed or he dies.

As the Senate group delved further into Bilbo's slush fund in the 1942 election, it learned hundreds of thousands of dollars could be spent by private groups without reporting to the State of Mississippi. Official campaign committees can spend up to \$64,000 in one election, according to interpretations of the State law.

Practically no work has been done on the parsonage since Rev. Wade Smith became pastor of the Juniper Grove Baptist Church in 1944, the minister testified. He said his 2½-story home has eight bedrooms and five bathrooms and is far too expensive for a congregation of 560 persons. Church members pay him \$2,600 a year.

Rev. Smith said he had built his

own home in four months last year but only five weeks' work was done on the parsonage since he became pastor. He said he could not move into the parsonage because the house still needs plumbing.

## BILBO REFUSED

Church members have offered to complete the building and furnish it but Bilbo has refused to let them do it, the pastor revealed.

A bank president and a loan association official testified Bilbo still owes their organizations \$8,800 and \$10,000 respectively on loans totaling \$9,800 and \$15,500.

Pres. Robert Newton of the Poplarville Bank of Commerce said his bank must pay \$2,000 a year on the "uncollectable" loans, for which he had never asked collateral. Newton said he had never repaid for the \$750 he advanced for paying the \$3,000 note of Abe L. Shushan, New Orleans henchman of the late Huey Long. Shushan testified yesterday he loaned the money to Bilbo for the senator's alimony payments, which reportedly came to \$21,000. Newton said he advanced the money to protect Bilbo's name in the 1940 election campaign.

Another heavy donor was Forrest Jackson, Bilbo's attorney, who gave \$1,500 towards payment of the Shushan note to Edward Terry, Bilbo's former secretary. Jackson said he had also given Terry \$1,100 to help defray expenses in the 1940 campaign. In addition, he paid for Bilbo's "small items" (\$40, \$90, \$400 etc.) over the years.

Jackson admitted he had been paid a \$1,500 fee by the Volz Construction Co., war contractors, on the key airfield job, and another \$440 for insurance fees. His law

firm also got \$1,200 in fees on other contractors' insurance.

Out of this money, he admitted, Bilbo's bills were paid. He said he had made contributions to the Senator's church.

In testimony on the 1942 election, in which Bilbo's formal committee spent thousands of dollars, Jackson said a candidate could spend as much as \$64,000 under the Mississippi corrupt practices act.

He agreed with Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich) hundreds of thousands of dollars could be spent by informal groups, such as Bilbo's without reporting to the state.

"That means the people can't find out how much has been spent in an election except through a congressional hearing?" Ferguson observed.

Jackson's claim that Terry was trying to avoid an appearance at the hearing by the excuse of death threats and incriminating evidence was refuted today by J. Marvin Quin, vice-president of the Jackson State National Bank. Quin told Ferguson and Sen. James Mead (D-NY) Terry made no such statement to him two weeks ago as alleged by Jackson at Thursday's session.

Terry, who has supplied the subcommittee detailed evidence on Bilbo's activity, told Quin he would not appear at this hearing because his life was threatened. He did not say it was an excuse or that his testimony would be incriminating, Quin said.

Quin showed records of Terry's bank accounts.

Terry, who left Mississippi today, is expected to testify tomorrow.



**At a Martyr's Grave:** Representatives of the American Jewish Labor Council and the CIO Fur and Leather Workers are among those paying homage to French workers' leaders Charles Mischel and Raymond Lazarus, slain by the Nazis Oct. 22, 1941, in Paris. Among those shown are Pietro Lucchi, Sam Burt, Joseph Winogradsky and Abe Feinglass of the CIO Fur and Leather Workers; Morris Gainer, president of District 9, AFL Painters, and Leo Sanders, Joint Council 13, CIO Shoe Workers.

## A Big Day's Work

By Alan Max

In removing the ceiling on new homes for vets, President Truman has also removed the floor and walls as well.



# Anything for a Laff, But We're Not Laughing

By Harold Mehling

After reading the January issue of *Laff*, "The Humorous Picture Magazine," we weren't laughing. And we didn't laugh after interviewing George Shute, editor of publisher Adrian Lopez' "cheesecake" conglomerate.

Because here we found another case of scratching a red-baiter and finding a dash of anti-Semitism, a sprinkling of contempt for Negroes and an all-around irresponsibility for what's said or done.

What led to the interview was the discovery that in the middle of the undraped-girl collection there appeared an article entitled, "Stalin the Stinker," replete with eight pictures.

The pictures and their captions all attempt to show that "the menace of Moscow are at it again," to quote the rag.

## HUMORIST

"What we were wondering," we asked editor Shute, "was how an article like this got into the middle of your cheesecake? What was the point?"

"Well, we're not in business for

our health," replied Shute, chunky, balding man in his early thirties, as he lit a cigar.

What made us curious was the otherwise innocuous array of titles: "GI Joe in Tokyo," "Clubs for Women," "Beauty Over Brooklyn," "Show Girl of the Month," "Are Circus Girls Beautiful," and "Showgirl Barkeep."

We asked editor Shute about the outline under a picture showing cops slugging some workers. The caption read, "Here's what happens when Americans fail to stick together and negotiate their differences."

## WHEN PICTURES LIE

"Where was this picture taken, Mr. Shute?"

He pondered a moment. "Why, uh, that was at, uh, Allis-Chalmers, I think." He wasn't sure.

Another picture showed how "tons of beef hang in strike-stopped packing houses. Commies know value of keeping people hungry—then they'll revolt," the rag said.

We explained to Shute about how the meat packers kept meat from going to retailers during July and August, to blackmail the administration into dumping OPA price controls. Wasn't that what

the picture really represented?

That all seemed to be news. We said Communists always have fought for social legislation to help people, not "keep them hungry," but that seemed to be news, too.

"Well, just what is it that you want?" Shute asked. "What's your angle?"

## BAD, BUT "GOOD SPREAD"

"We want to know what you think about an article like this and its effect on delicate world relations. Do you think such a thing would tend to bring about good feeling and cooperation among people of different countries?" I asked.

"No, it's bad," he admitted. "But you don't look for any social content out of a magazine like ours. I imagine the publisher got the idea from similar stuff done about Yugoslavia by Hearst and maybe the New York Enquirer. You know, a good spread."

Oh, we said.

"How about this picture?" we asked, pointing to one showing a crowd lined up before the Reading Terminal Market in Philadelphia. The caption said, "Anytime you find a black market, look for the Red-man in the picture. Here, Philadelphia crowds line

up to buy butter."

"What do you mean by the 'Red-man'?"

"Well," Shute said, "That's a case. The captions don't mean much. They're cleverly done."

I had to agree. They were. One, for instance, was under a picture of a family living in a cave, and read, "This is America, 1946. Red agitators have done a lot to foment strikes, keep American citizens like Chester Gillette homeless."

## JEW'S 'SUSPECT'

"What kind of response did you get from readers on this piece," we inquired.

"Well, as a matter of fact, about six out of eight letters on this issue condemned the article, but you could tell from most of the objectors that their names were Jewish, and of course, that makes them suspect right away. And they were kind of illiterate."

Oh, we said again.

"Isn't it a twist in most cases, cleverly-done captions to make it appear Communists foment strikes and cause violence?"

"Well," Shute said, "usually, where you find a strike, you find a Communist. It's like the n----r in the woodpile."

Shute got confidential and told

me that, in fact, the article was the "lesser of two evils;" that the magazine had considered running one entitled, "When Will Budenz Be Murdered?"

"Now isn't that a little?" he asked.

"But you decided against it?"

"Yes," he said, "it was kind of raw. Who would want to kill Budenz anyway? So I decided on the lesser of the two evils."

(The reference was to Louis F. Budenz, who deserted the labor movement and now scandal-mongers for the Hearst press.)

## WHO'S GOING TO SUE US?

So it wasn't a matter of editorial policy, but just a circulation gag?

"Oh, yes," Shute replied, "next month, we're doing one called, 'Are British Women Horse-faced?' They can't touch us for printing this kind of stuff. Who's going to sue us, Moscow?"

Moral: That's the kind of half-baked irresponsibility behind most of the red-baiters and liars who are busy disrupting national and world unity. Throw in the anti-Semitism, anti-Negroism for good measure and the pictures of the dangerous un-Americans is complete.

Anything for a laff—or a buck.

# Frisco CIO Asks AFL To Join in United Action

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The San Francisco CIO Council has invited the AFL's Central Labor Council and the Railroad Brotherhoods of this city to act on its proposal for a joint body of unions to combat the attacks of reaction. The CIO's central body acted as soon as CIO President Philip Murray made public a similar proposal on a nationwide scale designed to weld together a united front of 15,000,000 unionists.

"Let it never be said of American labor—too little, and too late. Let us act now," declared the CIO's statement in support of Murray's proposal.

The CIO's statement pointed to such rise of attacks upon labor as the police attacks upon unions in Oakland which provoked the recent general strike.

Sentiment is spreading here for Murray's unity proposal. Statement greeting it came from such non-CIO union leaders as Thomas C. Deane, president of the Santa Cruz Central Labor Council; O. F. Irvine, legislative director of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen; Thomas White, secretary of the AFL's Warehousemen's Local 860; Milton Maxwell, president Western Federation of Butchers.

Also, from Richmond's Robert Lee, president District Council of Laborers; G. R. Wagoner, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and John Hughes, president Local 560, Brotherhood of Painters.

Another statement of welcome came from Joseph De Silva, business agent of Local 770 of the AFL's Retail Clerks, Los Angeles.

"It is not too late for the great union groups—the AFL, CIO, Brotherhoods and the large independents—to forget their traditional rivalries, their competitive spirits and their petty differences and sit down to serious conferences which could throw the full weight of the millions who are, as us, labor minded," he said.

# Sen. Ball Denounced By Minnesota AFL

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 17.—The Minnesota Federation of Labor, speaking for 100,000 AFL members, today made public a resolution condemning Sen. Joseph Ball's stand for anti-labor and anti-closed shop legislation.

# Calif. CIO Elects Bigger Board On Unity Program

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Dec. 17.—The California CIO's ninth annual convention ended on a note of unity with its new executive board enlarged from 23 to 37 members.

President Morris Zusman and secretary-treasurer Mervyn Rathbone were reelected. The constitutional change on the board provides for a member from each of the 30 unions, with two representatives from each of the five largest unions.

A minority opposing broadening of the board was defeated by an overwhelming majority of the 500 delegates.

Commenting on the convention changes, president Zusman said the new leadership "constitutes a unity group interested not in factional issues but in the future of the trade union movement."

The convention approved all the major resolutions passed at the Atlantic City convention of the CIO. The convention opened to a keynote speech by Zusman, who warned that "we have no friends in the government any more," and that "from here on we must stand on our own feet."

Zusman sharply attacked red-baiting, terming it a "Hitlerite technique." Its first rule, he said, is that "if you want to tell a lie, make sure it's a big one. Shout 'Communist, Communist, Communist' and maybe someone will believe it."

The resolution was prepared by MFL president Robert Olson and secretary George Lawson, and was sent to all federations and to Minnesota local AFL bodies.

Senator Ball's conduct has definitely placed him in the line-up against labor and any claim he may make of labor support to his fight against the closed shop is an "insult to the intelligence of bonafide members of the American Federation of Labor," the resolution declares.

Special significance is attached to the action in view of close tie-ups between top AFL officials and the Stassen Republican machine.

# Dope 'Bar' Raided In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—A "shooting gallery" was raided here last night.

Police revealed "shooting gallery" was the name applied to a narcotics bar where hypodermic needles and "sniffs" of drugs were sold in much the same manner as beer in taverns. Elizabeth Edwards, 34, was arrested as the proprietress of the bar and four others were taken into custody as "dreamers."

# Arrested Too Often—Barred From Jail

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., Dec. 17.—Belmont county Sheriff S. C. Baxricklow today barred John Brehm "forever" from the county jail because of too frequent arrests.

The Sheriff said the arrests of Brehm, who usually was to be found in either the county home or district jails, were "becoming a burden on the county."



**Life Begins at Any Time:** Holding her baby, Linda, 37, of Los Angeles, smiles happily at her daughter, Mrs. Edith Hood, 18, whose baby, Sandra, was born a few hours before her mother's child. According to Mrs. Hood, "It's a little confusing. I guess mother wasn't ready yet to become a full-time grandmother."

# Dewey Calls Together N. Y. Congressmen

For the first time since he became titular head of his party in the state some eight years ago, Gov. Dewey has called together the GOP congressional delegation from New York.

He will meet with U.S. Senator-elect Irving M. Ives and the 28 Congressmen today in Albany to discuss congressional issues.

The action is an obvious effort to inject himself into the congressional picture as part of his campaign for the Presidency.

Ives and various New York Congressmen will be spokesmen for Dewey policies in Congress. The support they win for those policies will be a factor in determining the GOP candidate for President.

## GOP RECORD

On top of that, the record of the GOP in Congress will be a factor in deciding the election itself and Dewey does not intend to miss any tricks.

The Governor tried once before to get into the congressional picture. This was just before the 79th Congress met in 1945. Having been the presidential candidate, he was formally the titular head of the GOP. Accordingly, he tried to present a program for the GOP congressional caucus to accept.

He was bluntly told by congressional leaders to keep his nose out of their affairs. Hence he is now

trying to operate through the New York delegation.

The American Labor Party, through state chairman Hyman Blumberg, yesterday called upon the Governor to get the New York delegation, to support the following "critically needed" measures in the 80th Congress:

## ALP PROGRAM

1. Continue and strengthen rent controls at present levels.
2. Enact legislation patterned upon the Wagner-Elender-Taft General Housing Bill and restore the veterans emergency housing program.
3. Strengthen collective bargaining machinery.
4. Immediate action for full employment under the Federal Maximum Employment Act of 1946.
5. Establish social security, public health, medical care.
7. Increase the minimum wage to 75 cents per hour.
8. Curb monopolies.
9. An equitable tax program, including levies on undistributed profits, elimination of tax loopholes, and special taxes on postwar profiteers.

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## NEW YORK

JAN. 15 IS E-DAY  
FOR THE LIEBOWITZES

By Louise Mitchell

Jan. 15 is eviction day for Max Liebowitz, his wife and three children, the youngest just three months old. For a year they have been hunting a place to live, and lately Max has taken off from his laundry job to search, but in vain.

The family now pays \$49 for four rooms at 23-39 E 22 St., Brooklyn. Desperate, the Liebowitzes are considering renting a \$100 store on Neptune Avenue in Coney Island. It would force them into debt, and they hate the thought of trying to raise their children in such conditions. But it has four walls and a ceiling.

These facts were put before Borough President John Cashmore yesterday by a delegation of consumer, church and union groups who sought action on housing and rent control.

Cashmore said he couldn't deal with "individual cases" and that he had no agency to which to refer the Liebowitz family.

That summed up the borough president's answers to other requests. He told the group that he was "working on the problem on a 24-hour basis" and that he was aware of the critical situation. The daily mail, he said, brought hundreds of hardship cases, but he didn't believe in acting faster than the government.

Cashmore said that he would watch the coming state legislature

carefully to see what happened.

Members of the Brooklyn American Veterans Committee who met with Cashmore shortly afterwards charged he refused to make any specific commitment and was "very evasive" on their questions regarding housing and rents.

He agreed with the veterans that the housing shortage was acute and a rent boost would be bad. The veterans were led by Harold Zinn, Kings County AVC chairman.

In the consumer group were Mrs. Lee Marin, chairman of the Brooklyn Consumer Coordinating Committee; Helen Cohen, chairman of the Flatbush Consumer and Tenant Council; John Lopez, international vice president of the Transport Workers Union; Charles Fay, president of Local 475, CIO Electrical Workers and the Rev. Harold Sweezy, Church of the Holy Apostles.

Fay said rent boosts would only intensify the coming wage struggles because a 15 percent increase in rent meant a six to eight cent reduction in hourly pay.

Two rallies against increased rents will be held in the Bronx this week, at P.S. 90, Sheridan Ave., and 166th St., on Wednesday evening and at P.S. 80, Moshulu Parkway and Rochambeau Ave., on Friday evening.

## LABOR BRIEFS

CIO STEEL UNION  
SUES FOR BACK PAY

PORTAL-TO-PORTAL back pay totaling more than \$116,000, has been asked by the CIO Steelworkers Union in a suit filed in U. S. District Court at Hammond, Ind. Damages were sought against Inland Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube and General American Transportation. The actions follow the pattern of suits filed by the union recently in Pittsburgh and Cleveland against plants of U. S. Steel.

JOSEPH S. FAY'S operations were catching up with him again this week as the vice president of the AFL Operating Engineers pleaded innocent to a Federal Grand Jury indictment of income tax evasion. Fay is charged with evading payments of \$137,543 on incomes for 1940, 1941 and 1942. The indictment stemmed from Fay's trial and conviction with James V. Bove, former vice-president of the AFL Hod Carriers, on charges of extortion.

J. DAVID STERN, Philadelphia publisher, has resumed negotia-

tations with the CIO American Newspaper Guild at the instance of Bishop Bartholomew Eustace, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Camden, N. J.

ST. PAUL TEACHERS' strike was sent into its 23rd day as the City Charter Commission delayed action on a proposed amendment to give city schools financial independence. The body's chairman claimed ignorance as to the amount needed to meet demands for higher salaries.

UNEMPLOYMENT insurance expansion and removal of interstate inequities have been demanded by research directors of 33 CIO and AFL unions.

ANTI-CLOSED SHOP bill has been demanded by Virginia's Gov. William Tuck who recommended calling of a special session of legislative to do the hatchet work and to pass an act outlawing strikes on public utilities.

WALTER F. BURKE, president of AFL Teamsters Local 917 and former prizefight manager, died of a heart attack yesterday. He was 60.

RANK-AND-FILE SLATE  
SWEEPS RR CLERKS LOCAL

The entire rank-and-file slate in AFL Brotherhood of Railway Clerks Local 2125 held office yesterday as a result of a clean sweep in elections last weekend. The slate was headed by Michael Gallagher, local grievance chairman, re-elected over the opposition of the union's national officers.

Gallagher was expelled by national president George W. Harrison in 1943 and later regained his

Council Votes Probe  
Of Tenement Disaster

By Michael Singer

The City Council yesterday, without a dissenting voice, set in motion procedures to investigate the fire and collapse of the Amsterdam Ave. tenement, where 37 persons were killed last Thursday morning. It referred a resolution

for a "full and complete investigation" of the catastrophe to the Rules Committee. The committee is expected to act quickly on the motion at its meeting tomorrow afternoon.

The action, initiated by Communist Councilmen Benjamin J. Davis and Peter V. Cacchione, and American Labor Party Councilmen Michael J. Quill and Eugene P. Connolly, warned that similar tragedies may be repeated unless swift and adequate safety measures were taken.

"Apparently," said the resolution, "existing legislation, state and city, designed to prevent such occurrences have not been adequate." It urged the investigating committee to prepare a report "for strengthening the local laws of the city or proposing state legislation that may help prevent the recurrence of such tragedies."

In a follow-up resolution the same four councilmen called on the Council to ask the Board of Estimate for relief and rehabilitation funds to the bereaved and destitute victims of the disaster.

This resolution was referred to the city affairs committee.

The session yesterday was mainly marked by activity emanating from the minority side of the chamber.

## SYDENHAM MOTION

A resolution introduced by Davis and Connolly that the Council endorse the \$300,000 Sydenham Hospital fund campaign and urging such action as an expression of "racial cooperation and harmony to our entire community" was sent to the city affairs committee.

Connolly tossed into the General Welfare committee hopper a resolution to end the black market in building materials. His proposal would amend the City Charter providing for a new Advisory Committee on essential construction. It would prevent building permits so long as the present housing emergency prevails and would limit construction only for new houses, hospitals, essential utilities, necessary public buildings and in hardship cases.

Vice chairman and majority council leader Joseph T. Sharkey introduced a measure aimed at safeguarding the city's hotels and preventing a calamity such as killed 122 in the recent Atlanta hotel fire. Sharkey asked a local law enforcing hotels to employ a fire warden on a 24-hour basis. The fire warden would be examined by the fire and building departments and would be an expert on all phases of fire precaution and equipment.

The council adjourned in tribute to the victims of the Amsterdam Ave. fire on a motion by Councilman Davis.

COUNCIL ASKS MAYOR SET  
JAN. 5 AS CARVER DAY

The City Council yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution introduced by Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis to honor George Washington Carver, famous Negro scientist who died recently.

The Council called on Mayor O'Dwyer to declare Jan. 5, 1947, George Washington Carver Day to mark the birthday of "one of the truly great scientists our country has produced" and whose

contributions both in the theoretical and practical application of his discoveries "has served to enhance the welfare of the people."

In the resolution, Davis called the life of Dr. Carver, "a Negro and born in humble station" an inspiration to the "young people of our country, Negro and white alike and a fruitful source of illumination to combat racial intolerance and discrimination."

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# SPEEDUP DRAWS BLOOD

By Herb Tank

TUNIS, North Africa.

**T**HE DAYS OF WAR-TIME profiteering for the ship-owners are over but the drive for increased profits continues. With the coming of "peace" the shipowners are intensifying their war against the maritime workers.

The drive is on. Increased profits! Bring out the whip and get more surplus value out of the labor of the seamen and longshoremen.

The "speed-up" is the whip that wrings more profits from the workers' hides.

"Well, you see," says the Mate. "The company wants the ship back in the States in a hurry. Lot of cargo piling up on the docks waiting for us to haul it away."

"My aching back!" somebody groans.

The Mate grins. "What's the matter, don't you fellows want to get home by Christmas?"

The company wants the ship unloaded in a hurry. The company wants the homeward bound cargo loaded in a hurry. Every second is precious. There is a lot more cargo waiting for us back in the States. The speed-up! You can feel it on your back.

SO FAR the officers feel it more than we do. This is American Export Lines. The officers belong to a company union. In every port it's around the clock for them. "What do you need to go ashore for Mister? There is nothing in these ports anyway."

But it's the native longshoremen who really catch hell from the speed-up. They are poorly organized and get next to nothing for their labor anyway. The only thing that protects the native longshoremen is the benevolent soul of big business. The "speed-up" rides on their backs like a

Texas cowboy with its spurs raking their sides.

We spent two days discharging in Tunis. On the second day pressure was put on. The "speed-up."

Sling loads were increased. On some hatches they were doubled. The sling load is the amount of cargo that is taken out of the hole on one haul. In the morning one Arab longshoreman got a mean gash in the leg. But hardly a moment was lost, and that's the important thing as far as the company is concerned.

In the afternoon we were taking off a special rig we had on one boom for a heavy lift. A wire runner snapped back and slapped me in the groin. It doubled me over. It was painful as the devil. The Arab winch driver helped me to the railing. He couldn't speak English but he gestured sympathetically. "One must be very careful on these ships," his gestures said.

BUT MY ARAB winch driver friend wasn't careful enough. The "speed-up" got him hardly a half-hour later. They were taking steel rods out of number five hole. The sling loads were double what they had been the day before. The long steel rods were insecurely fastened at the ends and they had a tendency to fan out dangerously.

My Arab friend had his head smashed in by one of those steel rods. They took him off the ship. They didn't waste much time getting another winch driver in his place.

You see the company wants the ship back in the States in a hurry. There is a lot of cargo waiting on the dock.



## Cop Roughs Guildsman:

Harold J. Gribben, Philadelphia Record advertising clerk, is being roughed up by a cop preparatory to being hauled off to jail. Gribben was one of several hundred pickets in front of "liberal" David Stern's newspaper, when the cops plowed through the line to clear the way for Record delivery trucks used by Stern to help break the CIO Newspaper Guild's strike. Three other pickets were arrested and six were injured.



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Let's Face It

## COALITION NEEDED

by Max Gordon

**B**ACK IN 1942, when FDR was fighting a bitter last-ditch battle for his anti-inflation program against a powerful obstructionist bloc in Congress, he was able to

carry the day because he had behind him an organized labor-farmer-middle class coalition. As I recall it, the coalition was composed of seven organizations, including the CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods, National Farmers Union, Catholic Rural Welfare Conference, Federal Council of Churches and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

IT IS WELL to recall that coalition because unless a similar one is organized and gotten into motion in short order, the nation will face disaster once more. The foe which the coalition faced in 1942 is far more powerful today and is equally determined to hasten the process of national disintegration and chaos through unchecked profiteering and repression.

What is needed is not only the reorganization of such a coalition but greatly widening it, not only on top but in the various states, counties and communities. The Conference of Progressives, organized in Chicago and planning to advance its organization and work, is a good starting point.

CIO President Philip Murray's recent plea for unity of the three great wings of the labor movement for higher wages and against repressive legislation is a highly important phase in the fight for that kind of a progressive coalition. A united labor movement can obviously attract other sections of the population where a divided labor movement cannot.

The basis for the unity of these groups is a program which meets the needs of all of them. Such a program needs to be formulated nationally to present to Congress, and in the various states to be placed before the State Legislatures.

THE OUTLINES of the congressional program are fairly well-defined and were suggested at the recent national committee meeting of the Communist Party.

While to a considerable degree the program is a defensive one, considering the kind of Congress we have, it is by no means entirely so. The chief offensive measures must concern themselves with counter-acting the drastic cuts taking place in living standards and to continue the fight for democratic rights for all the people.

The main defensive battles will be fought around the issues of anti-labor legislation, rent con-

trol, social welfare expenditures, public works. At the moment it looks as if the anti-labor measures will center on riddling the National Labor Relations Act with weakening amendments and putting through again the notorious Case Bill, this time with the GOP figuring it has enough votes to override any possible presidential veto.

A necessary principle in the positive fight on economic issues is that labor in particular and the coalition in general cannot confine itself entirely to those issues directly advancing labor's interests as such. They must include the special requirements of the farmers, middle classes, veterans, women, youth, Negroes, pensioners, small homeowners.

HERE IS HOW some of the major economic demands, designed to stall off the crisis by getting purchasing power up, shape:

- A 75c minimum wage and reduction of hours for all who work for wages, whether white collar or industrial, without reduction in pay.

- A tax program that will at least restore the exemptions and rates on lower-income groups that existed before the war, while making the war profiteers shell out some of their blood-money in taxes. Generally speaking, those making \$5,000 and less should pay no taxes at all. Most didn't before the war and there is no reason why they should pay any now.

- A public housing program to include an improved version of the Wagner-Elender-Taft program, eliminating discrimination and aiming at the construction of some 15,000,000 subsidized, if necessary, low-rent or low-priced homes during the next five years. It is what the nation needs, what it owes its veterans and what it can do if its resources are harnessed to the job.

- An improved GI Bill of Rights to meet higher living costs in pensions, unemployment compensation, educational allotments, extension of unemployment compensation.

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## WORTH REPEATING

"So easily might men get their living, if that same worthy princess lady money did not alone stop the way between us and our living, which in God's name was most excellently devised and invented that by her the way thereto should be opened." Sir Thomas More in Utopia.

## Telly Wants Tyranny Unconfined

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM wants an all-out gag on Communists. "It is trouble enough to tolerate Communist activity in our political and economic life," the Telly says. "We cannot afford such tolerance where national security is involved." The Telly is speaking of itself when it reports "trouble with Communists in political and economic life," because Communists have the habit of turning up lies and distortions of moneyed press, including Hearst, McCormick and the rest of the pack, including the Telly's parents, Scripps-Howard. The Communists refuse to tolerate the Telly when we catch it digging in the lie-barrel. And that's not infrequently.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE doesn't think mere amendment of the Wagner Act by the 80th Congress will be enough to "balance" things. "Other laws require balancing as well if the objective is to make free collective bargaining work... Also, we believe unions should be made liable as legal entities for breach of contract and that the conduct of their internal affairs should be the subject of public supervision." "Balancing," if a dictionary of Trib terms should be issued, would mean crippling. "Public supervision" would read, employer direction.

PM'S Max Lerner asks, "Peace—or an uneasy sword," of the recently concluded United Nations General Assembly meeting. Lerner hits at the columnists like the Alsops and Walter Lippmann, whose reaction "seems to be: 'Damn the Russians,' and claim the United States 'lost' while the Soviet Union 'won' during the UN sessions. 'Let us get this straight,' Lerner says, 'the aim of the big majority of Americans is not to decrease anyone's power, including Russia's; nor to increase anyone's power, including America's. The real aim is to make even the powerful nations powerless to destroy humanity in their power-juggling. The meetings just ended at New York were a great and creative step toward that aim.'"

THE TIMES, in endorsing President Truman's action in knifing the priority and ceiling provisions on housing construction, says, "The progress of the previous program was not satisfactory, whether because of the controls or for other reasons." The Times, although it knows, neglects to note the "other reasons": Refusal to build low-cost homes instead of luxury apartments and office buildings, blackmail of housing construction to get rid of controls and short-sighted greed on the part of industrialists. All part of the "private initiative" cause the Times champions so fiercely and at great length.

THE DAILY NEWS' solution to the current gambling scandal is for a national lottery, with tickets to be sold through a post office or some other outlet, and the government biting in for 20 to 25 percent of the gross raised.

THE DAILY MIRROR is against such a lottery, says it'll be crooked, too. "... the instinct to wager is too deep in the human bloodstream."



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## Appeasement of Red-Baiters

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he expresses his views within or outside the union only as a union member. He has no extra privileges, but neither are any rights denied him. Communists and non-Communists agree that a union's decisions are entirely up to the members themselves.

Ben Gold, the veteran Communist, is president of the 100,000 Fur and Leather Workers not as an "outside" person, but as a unionist who won his spurs during a quarter-century of leadership among the workers. The same holds for his membership on the CIO's executive board.

President Philip Murray, in his declaration of policy approved by his own steelworkers convention, said on this point:

"We must not and do not seek interference with the free and democratic right of each member to practice such religion as he chooses, harbor such views as he chooses, in his private life as a citizen."

Only in last month's Office and Professional News, Merrill had a lengthy article on "The High Cost of Red-baiting" in which he argued against the very same kind of appeasement of red-baiting he is now engaged in.

"Surrounded at every hand by hostile forces, there are those in labor, wanting to get some of the heat off themselves, who are ready to give in. In their anxiety they say: let us eliminate the problem by eliminating the Communists. This is not good advice. Even if labor were to accept it, red-baiting would not disappear. Why should anti-labor forces put aside a weapon which has proved so useful in forcing internal division in the trade unions? They would simply extend the inquisition. Even those holding the most liberal sentiments would disappear from leadership."

Merrill should read his own writings as well as his own union's declaration of policy. His own personal action and his statement are something else again. They amount to a surrender to those who are putting on the heat. Any appeasement of red-baiting, such as Merrill charts, can end only in disaster.

## 'White Supremacy' Racket

THE "white supremacy" racket sure has been paying handsome returns to Sen. Bilbo. He is the gent who has been getting himself elected Senator in Mississippi by the simple device of terrorizing his opponents away from the polls.

The leering lynch advocate has been having some of his private deals exposed before a Senate Committee. It turns out money has been rolling into his pockets. War contractors have delivered "gifts" to their senatorial friend and, as if by magic, they found themselves rewarded by profitable contracts—war contracts.

Sen. Bilbo's patriotism was of the kind that did not hesitate to mix his private advantage with government affairs during wartime.

We can't say we're surprised, frankly.

Our experience has been that where you find a professional red-baiter and "white supremacy" racketeer, you find something crooked.

Bilbo matched his contempt for the Negro people with contempt for his public duties.

His "white supremacy" ravings were only a cover for private greed and corruption, as all race "supremacy" propaganda is a cover for somebody's profiteering and thievery.

Can there be any doubt left that Bilbo is unfit to sit in the Senate?

The evidence is in already.

With evidence in, Bilbo should go. No other verdict is decently possible.



BILBO

## KEEP HIM OUT OF THE LINE-UP



## Letters From Our Readers

When Would Booting End  
Woody Guthrie Asks

Brooklyn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was sorry to see PM hook up with the gang that wants to boot the Communists out of the labor movement, or to kick anybody out of any movement. If right this minute we jerked up every Communist and tossed him or her out of the meeting hall and into the gutter, it would not be a short week till a second batch would be jerked and bounced. These would be the radicals, and a few days or hours later the revolutionaries of every breed and brand would get the old boot.

There's not a brain in this world that is wise enough to tell just where the owners and bosses would call a stop to the kicking out. It would not stop. It is like decontrol, like the black market, like prices, like wildfire.

Once you let it get a start, it wrecks everything. I don't think anybody will fear PM so long as PM don't get afraid of anybody.

That same big money boot that kicks out the Communists will be used to try to kick out the liberals, then the Democrats, then the Jews, then the Catholics, then the Negroes, then the Italians, then the other races.

What are all of us undesirables going to work at when our union hall is wrecked and we are walking the sidewalks? Unemployment. Inflation. Depression. The same old seven and six again.

WOODY GUTHRIE

## Objects to Identifying Crooks as Veterans

Philadelphia, Pa.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

It was quite a surprise to me when I picked up the Daily Worker of Dec. 12 and read a news clipping in which two men suspected of a serious crime are identified as "veterans."

This added nothing to the story, the word "men" would have been much better and, indeed, the use of the word "veterans" being unnecessary, is detrimental to veterans' interests.

S. P.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

## WASHINGTON NOTES

## BRASS HATS BUSY ON ARMS BUDGET

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON.

LIGHTS ARE BURNING far into the night at the Army's Pentagon building while experts draft War Department plans to submit to the 80th Congress. Although the

plans are being drawn in great detail, it is reliably reported that the brass hats themselves do not yet know definitely what they will ask of Congress. That will be determined in the final analysis by their estimates of how much they can get.

The plans now in progress deal with the following:

1. The military budget and the amount to be allocated to atomic bomb production. The defense budget now stands around \$13,000,000,000 with \$350,000,000 going to the Manhattan Project, the atom-bomb factory, and additional funds for atomic research.

2. The Selective Service Act which expires March 31, 1947. The brass will probably ask for its extension because too many of the volunteers enlist for only 18 months.

So brief a hitch is considered highly uneconomic because the Army can get no more than six or seven months' overseas service from these short-term enlistees.

3. Universal Military Training, with its provisions for six months of squad-right and rifle marksmanship, is not considered as a substitute for the draft. The real problem of building a large army is not training but securing equipment, but they fear the people won't permit Congress to grant them both.

TRUE TO OLD Army practices, the War Department is drawing up alternative plans. They will push Plan A, calling for the entire program, if President Truman and the GOP leaders back them to the hilt. But if popular clamor against the program is serious, Plan B will be urged. And, if that fails, there is always Plans C and D.

In general the feeling of the top brass is that while a large army is desirable, the core of their program is a compact organization of about a million

men, highly trained in atomic and mechanized weapons.

As Maj. Gen. John Shirley Wood, USA retired, declared in a talk before the New York Life Insurance Co.:

"We must have a relatively small, compact, highly trained units in being (on M Day)—capable of complete action by air and ready to apply air power immediately at any point on the globe. Nothing of the old, unwieldy, slow system can be retained. Units . . . ready to strike . . . must exist at full strength prior to the conflict, and the individuals who compose them must have lived and trained together for a considerable time. . . ." (The general's emphasis.)

THE ROLE THE brass hats expect atomic weapons to play was indicated in an article by Hanson W. Baldwin featured in a recent issue of the Army and Navy Bulletin.

Although Baldwin makes a nod toward atomic disarmament, he implies that such an agreement will never be reached and the only recourse left to the U. S. is to "apportion more of defense dollars to atomic factories."

The number of atomic bombs possessed by the nation is "one very definite index of military strength," Baldwin wrote.

He asserted that America's chance of winning a war would be better "if our atomic bombs were numbered in four figures" than if numbered in two or even three figures.

"IN OTHER WORDS," said Baldwin, "if the power of the atomic bomb is at all commensurate with the frightening descriptions of the experts, the amount of money we are expending on it . . . is far too small."

The term "M-Day," used to denote the day on which World War III will begin, is extremely current in the conversations and articles of Baldwin and the brass. What they disregard is that America's exclusive ownership of the atom bomb is the chief menace to peace, the chief reason why there may be an M-Day.





# 500 Salute The Champ, Promote Fight on Bias

More than 500 guests of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare honored heavyweight champion Joe Louis Monday night at a dinner in the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria. With Frank Sinatra as M.C., the program included a distinguished list of civic leaders and professionals.

Speaking clearly and a little haltingly, Louis told those assembled and the radio audience of WMCA, "The road to a better America is a hard road to travel, but we've got to get more people on that road or the ones who are going the other way will push us off."

Jennings Perry, PM columnist and former editor of the Nashville Tennessean, accused "the noisy gentlemen in split coattails, the McKellars, the Connallys, the Bilbos, the Rankins, the Mays, the Ellenders of pampering every prejudice that retards the realization of the democratic and Christian goal of liberty, equality and fraternity of men."

Percy Green, editor of the Jack-



JOE LOUIS

son Advocate, militant Mississippi Negro paper that was prominent in exposing Bilbo's election tactics this fall, declare, "It is in the South where the Negro can contribute most to his own development and the wealth of the nation."

The boxing gloves that Joe used to knock out Tami Mauriello were auctioned off at \$1,500 to Herman

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Among those present were Rep. Adam Clayton Powell and Hazel Scott; Dr. James Sheldon, Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League; Carole Landis, screen star; Duke Ellington; Harry Hershfield, noted humorist; John Faulk, radio star;

## BEHIND THE POLICE PURGE

# After the Shakeup --New Corruption?

By Harry Raymond

This police shake-up, conducted by Mayor O'Dwyer and Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander, also takes care of certain patronage matters and political promotions that had been promised in the department

by the new administration at the end of the LaGuardia regime.

But the reorganization under the guise of a crack-down on crime, is chiefly a crack-down on the right of franchise of East Harlem voters who elected a Labor Congressman, a go-ahead signal for a more intensified police war against labor.

Like earlier police purges, the present one aims also to minimize the cancerous growth of corruption in the department. Every police reporter can give details of widespread links between cops of high and low rank with gambling, race horse and numbers racketeers and other shady enterprises. When word of the purge went out last week, illegal dives both in the east and west of Manhattan and in Brooklyn closed. Bookies and pimps ran for cover. The shake-up inconvenienced them. It was meant they could expect to be temporarily unemployed until new connections are made with the new cops.

I have seen it work this way in the past. On one important news beat, there were two policemen spending most their time on duty working as race-horse bookmakers, taking and paying off large sums in bets. In one instance the two sighted a lieutenant, their commanding officer, arriving on the scene. Afraid of being trapped, they picked up the money and race sheets and ran for cover. But when the lieutenant arrived he demanded to see the scratch sheets and spent the next 15 minutes telephoning bets to his bookmaker.

### LONE PROSTITUTE

In the area of this same assignment, a lone prostitute pounded

the beat every day. She worked under protection of a cop. She reported to him regularly. He kept the area free of competing prostitutes.

This was small-time stuff. But thousands of similar instances, added up, make quite a big kettle of corruption.

The heat is on now. And the press is pumping every possible ounce of sensation into the situation. This, at least, shuts up the reformers for a while. But only for a while. After the reorganization will come the period of "settling down." Things will loosen up as in the past. The racketeers will get the "lay of the land." They will return to old and new haunts, wherever a well-placed bribe will buy relative immunity. There will be a new crisis—then a new shake-up.

The present shake-up meanwhile, serves to take the heat off the department for its failure to solve not only the Scottoriggio case, but a whole series of crimes reported throughout the five boroughs. This has been the answer of every police commissioner in a generation to public criticism. The pattern seldom changes. There is the "tightening up" for a while. Then crime marches on.

### ALWAYS SAME

I have witnessed several police shake-ups. The scene is always the same. The Commissioner stands at his desk and announces the news to the press. Seated around him are the elderly, stern-looking inspectors and other brass hats of the department. They absorb every word of the commissioner with an air of deep satisfaction, for they are, indeed, the men who came out on top, the new white-haired boys. The ones who felt the Commissioner's official wrath—the bad examples—were hustled out the back door an hour or two earlier. Sometimes there is a variation. The chief culprit, in these cases, instead of going to headquarters for a reprimand, goes home, puts a revolver to his head and pulls the trigger.

Everytime I look upon one of these scenes—and the performance last week was in the old classic tradition—I survey the smug faces of the gold-decked commanders, remnants of the purge, and ask myself: "Which of these presently-happy gentlemen will be next to walk the plank of official departmental disgrace?" I wonder if some in that group last week were thinking the same thought.

But vitally more important is labor's reaction. Labor will have to be extremely on the alert to defend hard-won rights in face of intensification of police reaction.

Burl Ives, folk singer; Ham Fisher, Charles and Mrs. Bessie Buchanan creator of Joe Palooka; Mrs. Mary and Gen. John Kilpatrick of the McLeod Bethune; Branson Price, New York Boxing Commission, executive secretary of the New Thomas Corcoran brought greetings York SCHW; Etta Moten, actress; from Mayor William O'Dwyer.



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# Fascist Group Tries To Snare Negro Pastors

DETROIT, Dec. 17 (FP).—Spiritual Mobilization, Inc., the anti-Roosevelt propaganda corporation among Protestant preachers, with close ties to Manufacturers, is especially active now among Negro ministers but not with complete success.

The Rev. Charles A. Hill of the Hartford Ave. Baptist church, a recognized leader in Detroit's Negro ministry, showed the spiritual mobilizer the door when he was visiting Hill came close to election to the Detroit City Council in 1945 with strong labor indorsement.

The emissary from the Los Angeles headquarters was the Rev. I. K. Merchant. Merchant admitted having used Hill's name without Hill's knowledge. He admitted that his work is on a Jimcrow basis, exclusively among Negro clergymen, who are not to be mingled with any white ministerial supporters.

"Christianity does not draw the color line among God's children," the Rev. Mr. Hill told Merchant.

## Coalition Needed

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sation to cover full period of unemployment, and the bonus.

• SIMILARLY, OLD-AGE security payments and unemployment insurance for non-vets should be raised to meet increased living costs. Social Security coverage should be extended to include farm, maritime, domestic workers and the self-employed, as repeatedly urged by the Social Security Board.

• Federal aid for education, greatly increased aid for hospitals and health programs to the states and communities, with no discrimination in taking in both rural and urban areas.

• Guarantee of 90 percent of parity to family-sized farmers through a subsidy program, as promised during the war, not merely for two years after the war but as a regular measure; land reform in the South with land of jobs to be given to displaced sharecroppers and tenant farmers; moratorium on farm foreclosures and construction of the great river valley projects, projected by FDR.

• Establishing of the monopoly-dominated sectors of the food industry, like meat and dairy, as public utilities, to be controlled and regulated in the interests of the people, with the government to take over the public utilities now in existence; a demand essential to checking inflation.

For civil rights, there is the fight for FEPC, for anti-lynch and anti-poll tax legislation, for outlawing anti-Semitism and for ending the Wood-Rankin-Parnell-Thomas Un-American Committee.

IN THE FIELD of foreign policy, immediate legislative issues concern themselves with a world food program free from political control which will see that America bears its share; which will grant generous credits at low interest rates without consideration of reactionary political aims; which will contribute to the discussions on disarmament by cutting arms appropriations, and by ending all draft and compulsory military training programs.

These are the elements of a congressional program for the coming year which progressives of all classes, groups and parties can get together on and fight for.

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turers. In fact Ellsworth Ross of Spiritual Mobilization said in 1944 that its money came from "selected American businessmen."

Bait held out by Merchant to Negro clergymen was the statement that five Negro ministers would be put into the field soon on a fulltime basis. Detroit ministers were given to understand, without actually being promised, that they had a good chance of being among those chosen.

The Detroit Council of Applied Religion, of which the Rev. John Miles is head, says: "Spiritual Mobilization stands revealed, on the basis of its own literature and its own backers, as the spearhead of reaction in the religious field just as its big brother, the NAM, is in the economic and political field."

The paid ads of Spiritual Mobilization have appeared not only in religious papers like the Christian Century of Chicago but also in notorious anti-Jewish publications like Gerald B. Winrod's Defender.

# CHIPS FLY IN LAS VEGAS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Wide-said. Loss to casino operators has been so heavy they have arranged to fly the night's checks here each morning to clear them before the signers get out of town.

California have passed more than \$100,000 in bad checks at the resort's hotel casinos in the last six months, District Attorney-elect Robert E. Jones said as he conferred here on methods of catching the check-passers.

Jones said the visitors apparently had the mistaken idea that gambling debts are illegal and consequently can be paid with rubber checks. They cash checks for as much as \$10,000, gamble a small part of it and leave for home with the cash.

"What they forget is that gambling is legal in Nevada and that consequently gambling debts are also legally collectable," Jones

## Files for Reelection From Behind Bars

TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 17.—Former Mayor Merrill D. Aldrich, 47, of Taunton, now serving a three-month Norfolk Prison Colony sentence on a morals charge, today filed as a candidate for his own unexpired term. He resigned when sentenced Nov. 25.

Aldrich was serving his third term when his constituents learned through a paternity suit that the city's "first lady," Miss Eileen Kelliher, 38, was not his wife. Her suit charged him with being the father of her 2-year-old daughter.

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## On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

EVERYBODY is against the gamblers—even the News and the Mirror. It's the same as being against cancer and for fresh air. It's a big story all right, though whether it's as proportionately bigger than the question of war and peace as some of the headlines would indicate can possibly be debated.

But nobody who likes sports can really argue with the amount of space devoted to this scandal. The sheer weight of words and the momentum worked up by the competitive headlines might push the official probe a little closer to the real criminals. Though that remains to be seen. We had a college basketball scandal involving gamblers last year and when the sound and fury abated nobody had been badly burned. It also remains to be seen whether some of our newspapers will stick with this thing and keep shouting for the investigation go all the way.

The whole affair is sort of a jolter to a sports fan. Not the fact that there are gambling interests operating without molestation around the fringes of sportsdom, but that a deal could even come as close as it did to success. The first reports we had in the Polo Grounds press box Sunday had the players absolutely in the clear and Hapes kept out of the game just because he had been approached. That seemed like a stupid move to me at the time. If the guy had been approached and turned over the information why penalize him and his team by keeping him out of the game? With the Giants needing fullbacks Sunday the way a fish needs water, keeping Hapes out of the game seemed to be playing right into the hands of the gamblers who had bet on the Bears. Couldn't this become a whole new technique, approaching the star of a team and thereby getting him benched just for being approached?

Later developments show that brother Hapes hadn't indignantly rejected the gambler's offer and run right to the coach and the police. While he never took the bribe he continued to see the gamblers who continued to offer it. The best that can be said for Hapes is that he had an amazingly casual tolerance for the idea of selling out his teammates.

The professional football season is over in New York. We're in the middle of basketball. Everybody knows the gamblers play the college games at the Garden hot and heavy. That they'll try to find some fall guys to sell out can be taken for granted. I remember one unpublicized event not so long ago.

A gambler made a very bad mistake in approaching a player of a visiting college team. The player said wait minute and came back with his coach. The coach never said a word and the gambler picked himself up off the floor and ran holding onto a probably broken jaw.

That of course, is not the answer to the menace of the fix, though it's hard to keep from applauding it as a minor start.

Betting on basketball and the taking of bets happens to be against the law. Now if a friend of mine wanted to make a little wager on a basketball game I wouldn't shun him as a criminal. He would be a sucker, however. When you place a bet you place it with a bookie at prevailing odds. These odds, or points, are rigged by the bookies to insure their coming out well on top in the long run. For one thing they have a "spread" in the middle. If you like Arkansas you get 7 points but if you bet NYU you have to give 9. And ties don't count.

### Here's a Scoop for the Police

The quoting of odds has come to be an accepted practice though it's supposedly illegal. The sports pages help the bookies along by printing the current quotations as "news." Now where do the local bookies get the odds? Who makes them up? If anyone in authority really doesn't know by now, they get them from a central bookmaking house in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There they fix the points, change them, create bull and bear markets on games at their own convenience. The whole racket is much like a minor league Wall Street stock market setup. It's really a misnomer to call these people gamblers because gamblers supposedly take a chance. These guys have it rigged their way.

Now if suckers want to bet against the guys who don't lose, I suppose it's the sucker's business. Gambling isn't wiped out by edict. And certainly not by laws which there are no pretense at enforcing.

But when these big syndicates aren't satisfied with their own rigged setup and begin to boldly step out to "buy" athletes, there's something else.

It's naive to imagine for any reason that with the big bookmakers and gambling syndicates operating freely there won't be the possibility of corruption of athletes. The sports world really isn't a "world" by itself and there's no reason to believe that it can remain completely unaffected by capitalist ethics.

If the authorities mean business they have to go a lot further than jailing despicable little skunks like Paris. Minneapolis might be a good starting place. After they round up the gang behind Paris in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

If the authorities mean business they have to go a lot further have a normal tendency now to wonder if there may be a lot of fixes that never hit the headlines. Now we're not talking about wrestling, but in the major sports it would be as much a mistake to think that it must be "all crooked" as it is to completely neglect the possibilities of corruption. Our sports are basically honest. The big job now is to keep them that way. That means get the big operators.

### The 'Daily' Roundup:

## HAL, KNICKS, BELTRAM

HAL NEWHOUSER'S 1946 earned run average of 1.94 has proven him the American League's most effective hurler for the second straight season. The Detroit's Tigers' south-paw ace had an 1.81 mark in '45. . . Bobby Feller, while yielding to Newhouse in the E. R. A., tied Prince Hal in games won, 26, but appeared in more games than any other hurler. Bob also pitched the most complete games of the A. L. chuckers. . . and of course won everlasting glory with his record-breaking mark of 248 strikeouts to better the old Rube Waddell performance. Spud Chandler, the Yankee ace, was second to Newhouse with an E. R. A. of 2.10

to beat out Feller for the number two spot in that department.

BILL WILLS, Negro guard of the Cleveland Browns will shift to tackle when his club meets the New York Yankees in the All-America Conference championship playoff. . .

THE KNICKERBOCKERS meet the class of the league, the Cleveland Rebels, at the 69th Regiment Armory tonight. The Kenny Sailors-led bunch beat the Knicks last Sunday night in Cleveland.

WILLIE BELTRAM continues to pile up victories in his bid for lightweight honors. The hard-belted Bronxite edged tough Freddie Russo in the St. Nick's main event Monday.

# Ray Need Wait But 2 Days More

By Bill Mardo

The year was 1937 and the place was a neighborhood movie-house when I first met Ray Robinson. Not a personal meeting, mind you, just a brief glimpse of a skinny Golden Glover on the screen no longer than 10 seconds during the sports portion of the newsreel.

But I recall the surprised hum of excitement that swept the theater. Because out of all the milling and spilling and clumsy eagerness that filled the previous Golden Glove movie shots, suddenly one battler emerged who had that certain something and more. His punches made the screen seem blurred, his legs swept the canvas with the speed and grace of a skilled dancer, and then, before you had time to adjust your eyes to that whirling dervish, the terribly thin Negro kid was walking away from his crumpled foe and the next fight was flashed on.

That was back in '37. This Friday night at Madison Square Garden, almost ten years since those early Golden Glove days, that same Ray Robinson does battle for the welterweight championship of the world. But the phrase "same Ray Robinson" isn't quite accurate. For it's a bigger Ray Robinson, a mature man whose once skinny arms and shoulders have thickened with a smooth sinewy strength. The chest and neck have filled out—and all there is to remember the 17-year-old kid of 1937 is the same wasp-like waist. But the biggest change from then to now, is simply this: As thrilling and promising a youngster as Ray Robinson was in his amateur days, I doubt that anyone then conceived the fighting machine he was to become in later years. Because if ever there was a dream fighter, a perfect ringman, a man who absolutely combined the most spectacular traits from all of the facets of boxing, it is Ray Robinson. . . the kid who wanted nothing more than to become a smaller edition of his idol, Joe Louis.

Truth is, that pound-for-pound, Ray Robinson—and not Joe Louis—is the greatest fighter in the world. Ray's boxing arsenal leaves nothing, absolutely nothing, to be desired. His footwork and general speed is unbelievable. . . his legs beat out a pattern on the rosin that is at all times in perfect rhythm with his hand movements and overall strategy. If Ray Robinson chose to he could win all his fights simply by whirling about the ring, jabbing



away, and never getting his hair parted. But there's no need to rely on that alone. For Ray can hit. Oh how he hits! It's with his fists that Robinson most resembles Joe Louis. The same hand speed, the same crushing jab that is the equivalent of an average fighter's hardest hook. And the same combination of punches, all thrown so fast and accurately that one is rendered practically helpless before the blinding fusillade of leather.

So you add this unique combination of speed and sock to his overall boxing brilliance and ability to take stiff punishment and you have Ray Robinson—the man who has waited for this championship crack since 1941.

But the runaround finally ends two nights from tonight. It won't be Red Cochrane or Marty Servo

whom Ray beats out for his long sought title. Cochrane avoided Ray like the plague and Servo has since retired because of a nose injury and his title declared vacant. So the man who is unquestionably the best welterweight around aside from Robinson, a lanky clever customer named Tommy Bell and no push-over he, will be in the other corner when Ray comes out to claim what rightfully should have been his years ago.

Bell is terrifically talented in his own right and the Ohio Negro should make a most interesting fight of it. But he can't win. For the greatest fighter in the world has been waiting a long, long time. To Tommy Bell's misfortune there's nothing in this whole world that Ray Robinson wants more than the welterweight championship.

## RADIO

### EVENING

- 6:00-WNBC-News Reports
- WOR-Frank Kingdom, Comment
- WJZ-News; Kiernan's Corner
- WCBS-News-Harry Marble
- WMCA-News; Talk; Music
- WQXR-News; Music to Remember
- 6:15-WNBC-Serenade to America
- WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews
- WJZ-Ethel and Albert
- WCBS-Word From the Country
- 6:30-WOR-News-Fred Vandeventer
- WJZ-Allen Prescott
- WCBS-Sports-Red Barber
- WMCA-Racing Results
- WQXR-Dinner Concert
- 6:40-WNBC-Sports-Bill Stern
- 6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas
- WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
- WJZ-Lawrence and Manley
- WCBS-Robert Trout, News
- WMCA-Sports Resume
- 7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety
- WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comment
- WJZ-Headline Edition
- WCBS-Mystery of the Week
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-News; Concert Stage
- 7:15-WNBC-News of the World
- WOR-The Answer Man
- WJZ-Raymond Swing, News
- WCBS-Jack Smith Show
- WMCA-Five-Star Final
- 7:30-WNBC-The Barry Wood Show
- WOR-The Listener Reports
- WJZ-The Lone Ranger
- WCBS-Elery Queen-Sketch
- WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
- WQXR-String Orchestra
- 7:45-WNBC-H. V. Kaltenborn
- WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
- WMCA-Musical Playhouse
- WHN-J. Steel
- 8:00-WNBC-Mr. and Mrs. North
- WOR-Can You Top This?
- WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner
- WCBS-Jack Carson Show
- WMCA-News; U. N. Records
- WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
- 8:15-WJZ-F. H. LaGuardia
- 8:30-WNBC-The Great Oldiesleeve
- WOR-It's Up to Youth
- WJZ-Fishing and Hunting Club
- WMCA-Music That Lives
- 8:45-WMCA-Talk-Norman Stabler

- 8:55-WCBS-Bill Henry, News
- 9:00-WNBC-Duffy's Tavern, With Ed Gardner
- WOR-Gabriel Heatter
- WJZ-The Affairs of Ann Scotland
- Sketch-Arlene Francis
- WCBS-Frank Sinatra, Songs
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-News; Concert Hall
- 9:15-WOR-Real Stories
- 9:30-WNBC-Mr. District Attorney-Play
- WOR-Name of That Song?
- WJZ-Pot o' Gold
- WCBS-Dinah Shore Show
- WMCA-Where Do We Go From Here?-Play
- WQXR-Designs in Harmony
- 9:45-WQXR-Great Names
- 10:00-WNBC-Frank Morgan Show

- WOR-Concert Hour
- WJZ-Bing Crosby Show
- WCBS-Academy Award-Play
- WMCA-News; Footlight Revue
- 10:30-WNBC-Kay Kyser Show
- WOR-The Symphonette
- WJZ-Henry Morgan Show
- WCBS-Information Please
- WMCA-News; Music
- WQXR-Just Music
- 11:00-WNBC, WOR-News; Music
- WCBS, WJZ-News; Music
- WMCA-Harlem Amateurs
- WQXR-News; Symphonic Hour
- 11:30-WCBS-Invitation to Music
- 12:00-WNBC-News; Music
- WOR, WCBS-News; Music
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- WQXR-News Reports

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## BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

## MUSIC IN REVIEW

By Murray Chase

Stage for Action's second Satire Matinee was a smooth-running, well-paced affair. Again Cafe Society was sold out for the performance, attesting to the demand for political cabaret and to the expectation that Stage for Action will satisfy that demand.

As in the first matinee, three weeks ago, the great strength was in comedy. Jack Gilford's takeoff on a renegade Russian professor, and his appeal for "Msladuef Wen"—spelled backwards, "New Feudalism" was heartily received. Lee Krieger projected a neighborhood candy store bit and some other excellent comedy scenes. M. C. George Keane kept things running smoothly with good-natured comment.

The Calypso Duke of Iron improvised an opening for the show and offered the observation "Capitalist oppression which leads to one impression—a one-sided report" concerning the British report on Haitian "disturbances."

More pointed musical numbers would have been welcome. Stage for Action informs us that such new material is being gathered and that a new Lou Kleinman song is among the several to be introduced at the next matinee, this coming Sunday.

A very charming and needlessly nervous young woman from Colombia, Natalia Sylva, offered some Latin songs in a fresh, interesting manner. Her presentation would benefit from English translations and more assurance. Among those who assisted were the Ding Dong Dell quartet, La Verne French, Hope Foy, Remi Martel, and a fine new choral group under Morris Levine, which sang songs by Irma Jurist, musical director for the matinees and some Palestinian folk-songs.

## METROPOLITAN OPERA

Boris Godunov was turned down when first offered for performance and has since taken a beating in various ways at various hands. Rimsky-Korsakoff, who was Moussorgsky's very good friend, reorchestrated it, and every company which has presented it has contributed its own cuts and changes. And each of these changes has called forth a flood of critical comment and conjecture.

In spite of all this, Boris remains a strong, real masterpiece. Its hero is the people, although much of the burden of the conflict descends on the head of the Boris. In the Metropolitan's current production, Ezio Pinza fills this assignment with vocal distinction and fairly efficient acting. The supporting voice are generally of a high calibre. Emil Cooper's conducting is an accomplishment which increases his stature as a Metropolitan regular.

Moussorgsky's score is presented with a lot of its sweep and color. Where the production falls down is in the chorus direction and in the staging. The chorus sings perfunctorily, moves woodenly and seems to lack any hint of the strength which Moussorgsky assigned it. The old sets are worn almost to a

frazzle. Much of the pomp and glitter of the larger scenes is dimmed by back-drops which only hint at color and form.

Boris remains a favorite, judging from its reception by the customary full houses which greet each performance, but we should like to see the true nature of the Pushkin-Moussorgsky masterpieces brought to life, and just now we can only turn to the Met for this job.

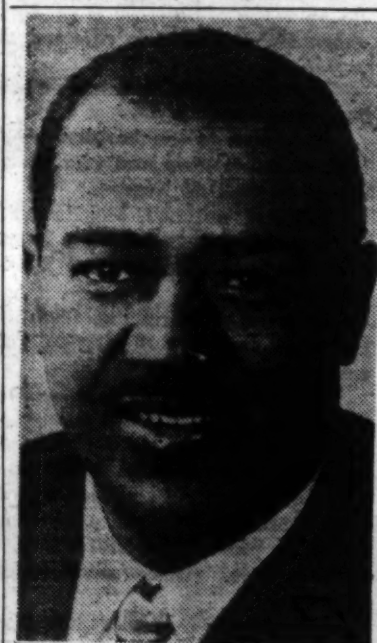
## COSMAN-KELSTON DEBUT

Ian Cosman, tenor and Lucy Kelston, soprano, were heard in a joint Town Hall debut last Thursday evening. Mr. Cosman has been heard hereabouts in opera and Miss Kelston has been the recipient of several scholarships.

Both singers revealed natural voices of excellent range and power. Miss Kelston's quality was uneven but there was evidence of a fine tone in all of her range. Mr. Cosman's higher tones were occasionally forced but also gave signs of a fine fresh tone which additional training should establish securely.

After the opening German Lieder, a group of solo operatic selections and the duet from Act I of *Madame Butterfly* were presented. Both performers seemed more comfortable in this group, where their vitality and powerful voices had freer reign.

Mr. Cosman's appearance was greeted by whistling and a few cheers, a tribute to him by his fellow members of the New York Police Force, who made up a considerable part of the audience. Lou Cooper accompanied.



Lawrence Winters, Negro baritone currently appearing in *Call Me Mister*, has been added to the Hurek roster of artists. He plans to leave the show this spring to prepare programs for a concert tour scheduled for next season. The baritone previously appeared as Porgy in *Porgy and Bess* and as soloist with Leopold Stokowski in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.



ERIC JOHNSTON

## Writers Hit IATSE Claim to Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD.—Calling on Eric Johnston, president of the Association of Motion Picture Producers, to clarify that organization's attitude toward the claims of the International Alliance of Theater and Stage Employees to jurisdiction over all motion picture industry employee groups, the Screen Writers' Guild has reaffirmed its opposition to such claims.

In a strongly-worded resolution the Guild urged Johnston to make a public statement concerning blanket jurisdictional proposals Richard Walsh, IATSE president, is reported to have made to him.

The Guild pledged vigorous opposition to any move on the part of the IATSE or any other group that would jeopardize its autonomy.

Following is the full text of the resolution:

"WHEREAS, the international leadership of the IATSE has, over a period of at least nine years, announced its claim to jurisdiction over the entire motion picture industry, and

"WHEREAS the substitution of Richard Walsh and Roy Brewer for George Browne and William Bioff in that leadership has apparently not altered that claim as evidenced by such recent newspaper statements as the following quotation from a signed article in the Hollywood Citizen News for Sept. 28:

"Walsh . . . yesterday called on film leader Eric Johnston to take steps to eliminate 'forever' jurisdictional disputes in Hollywood. Walsh emphasized to Johnston that 'the IATSE should be given complete jurisdiction in the studios.'"

"AND WHEREAS the motion picture producers have demonstrated during the same period, in disputes which have arisen between the IATSE and other groups, a consistent policy of favoring the position of the IATSE to a degree which appears to indicate at least an amicable collaboration between the IATSE and the producers—

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Screen Writers' Guild condemns the claim of the IATSE to jurisdiction over the motion picture industry and will vigorously resist and oppose any move of the IATSE or any other group which would jeopardize the autonomy of the Screen Writers' Guild—

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Screen Writers' Guild calls upon the Association of Motion Picture Producers, Inc., and its president, Eric Johnston, to make clear its attitude toward the claim of the IATSE to jurisdiction over the employee groups in the motion picture industry and specifically, if Mr. Walsh did make such representation to Mr. Johnston as reported in the newspaper quotation above, that Mr. Johnston make a public reply to Mr. Walsh's suggestion.

## Anti-Fascist Themes Dominate USSR Films

When it was learned that many of the prizes at the International Cinema Festival at Cannes were given to films with war themes, the news was undoubtedly somewhat of

a surprise to American film producers, who felt that the public's interest in war pictures ended with the end of the war. The awards to the French *Battle of the Rails*, the Russian *Turning Point*, the Italian *Open City*, the Swiss *Last Chance*, all films of the people's resistance, indicated that, from the international point of view, people still want to be reminded of their heroic struggle against fascism.

Apparently the present interest in war pictures coincides pretty closely with the degree to which people were actually affected by the war. Veterans and their families, and people on the home front in every country who participated actively in the war effort, today continue to show a keen interest in pictures about the war. In the Soviet Union, where the war and the partisan struggle involved the entire population, the popularity of films about the war and the people's resistance is greater than ever.

The most recent Soviet film about a Nazi-occupied Ukrainian village, *The Taras Family*, now at the Stanley Theater, was a top box-office hit in the Soviet Union and was compared by critics there to *No Greater Love*, *Zoya* and *The Rainbow* as a great document of the people's courage in opposing the Nazi invader.

Donskoy's anti-fascist movie reflects the aims of the Soviet cinema today . . . to portray life as the people in the Soviet Union live it and have lived it, to serve as an educational force in the life of the nation, and to present pictures of the people's resistance to oppression.

Forthcoming films like *Our Heart*, the story of the famous flyer Alexander Pokryshkin; *New Homes*, a drama based on the reconstruction of villages devastated by the Nazis; *Alexander Matrosov*, the story of the Hero of the Soviet Union who blocked an enemy pillbox with his body, and many others recently announced for release here in 1947 will serve to emphasize the important role of the people in the reconstruction of the Soviet Union.

## Succeeds Garrett

Jane Kean will succeed Betty Garrett in *Call Me Mister* the smash hit musical at the National Theatre with the performance of Monday, Jan. 6, 1947. Miss Kean is the young comedienne who scored in several major Broadway musicals.



Sara Vaughan, popular young singer, will appear with a large cast of entertainers at a benefit given by *People's Voice*, leading Harlem newspaper, this Friday night at the Penthouse, 13 Astor Place, N. Y.

## Xmas Concert

Dean Dixon's American Youth Orchestra will give a Xmas concert for young people at Hunter College, 69th St. and Park Ave. Saturday afternoon, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. As an added attraction, a group of students at the Juilliard School of Music will perform the main portions of Humperdinck's opera *Hansel and Gretel* in English.

## Theatre Party

A Committee of Ladies Garment Workers has arranged a theatre party for Maurice Schwartz's production of *Sholem Aleichem's Wandering Stars* this Friday night at the Yiddish Art Theatre, 2nd Ave. & 4th St.

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WILLIAM DENNIS - HARRY FITZGERALD  
in  
"TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST"  
"FAITHFUL IN MY FASHION"

## BRIEFS

Sergei Eisenstein's *Ivan the Terrible*, the widely discussed Soviet film version of the life of Czar Ivan IV, will be released here early in 1947 by Artkino Pictures, Inc. The film biography of the 16th Century Czar who unified Russia was produced, directed and written by Eisenstein, whose *Alexander Nevsky*, *Potemkin* and *Ten Days That Shook the World* are still hailed as among the greatest screen masterpieces of all time. Featured in the title role is Nikolai Cherkassov, famous stage and screen actor who starred in *Alexander Nevsky*, *Baltic Deputy* and *Peter I*.

The "one-acter" contest being sponsored by Philadelphia Stage for Action has been extended until Feb. 15, 1947. Prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 will be awarded for the three outstanding one-act plays submitted on themes of current social importance. Running time is limited to 20-40 minutes, cast to 10. Props should be as simple as possible: either hand props or simple suggestive pieces. Every play entered will be carefully considered for production, but if in the opinion of the judges no play submitted merits an award, none will be given. Send scripts, with self-addressed, stamped envelopes, to Stage for Action, 1115 Walnut St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. This contest has been extended from its original closing date of Dec. 15, 1946.



## DA Says He'll Prove Threat on Fixer's Life

A mysterious telephone caller warned police that gambler Alvin J. Paris would be killed if released on bail, it was reported yesterday.

Paris is the "fixer" who confessed attempts to bribe two players to throw last Sunday's championship pro football game.

Assistant District Attorney George Monaghan told Judge Francis L. Valente in General Sessions Court that "a member of the Police Department received a call saying that an attempt might very well be made on the life of this defendant" if he were released.

### DEFENSE SCOFFS

Monaghan's statement was at an arraignment hearing for Paris in which he pleaded innocent to two indictments charging attempted bribery. It was challenged vigorously by defense counsel Caesar F. Barra.

Barra, who defended Lucky Luciano, notorious vice overlord, said "Paris lives in New York City and you couldn't get him out with a 13-inch gun."

"A 13-inch gun might come in very handy in getting rid of this man," Monaghan retorted.

Monaghan said it was most important to keep Paris in jail. Paris was an associate of big time gamblers, some of whom have been convicted of felonies, he added.

"He is a man backed by a powerful clique and they would go to extremes to prevent him from standing trial," Monaghan said.

### PROMISES PROOF

Valente asked Monaghan to produce evidence that the 28-year-old gambler's life actually was in jeopardy. Monaghan said he would do so "within 24 hours."

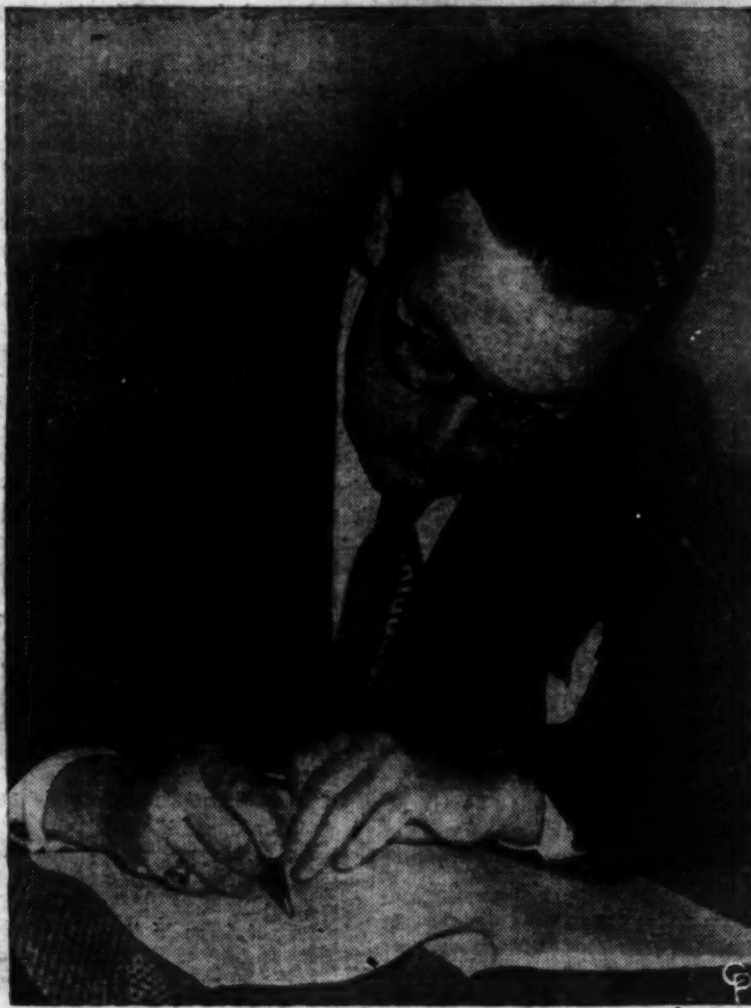
After a recess, Judge Valente resumed the hearing behind closed doors. The final decision on whether Paris may be released on bail was postponed until today.

Mayor William O'Dwyer said in a formal statement that it was his recommendation that one of the two players involved, Frankie Filchok, was permitted to play for the New York Giants.

Filchok, forward passing star, and Merle Hapes, fullback, both were questioned personally by O'Dwyer Saturday night.

"At two o'clock on Sunday morning, there was no evidence before me that Filchok had been offered a bribe," O'Dwyer said. "Nothing has happened since to change my opinion."

He said that information obtained by police through wire tapping of



**Threatened?** According to the D.A., Alvin J. Paris, 28, shown checking his confession that he tried to fix Sunday's pro football championship game, is in mortal danger. The D.A.'s office, which wants to keep Paris in the cooler, claims somebody called an unnamed policeman and said Paris might be bumped off if they let him out. Paris' lawyer scoffed, asked that bail be set.

telephones used by Paris, showed clearly that the gamblers could not reach Filchok.

"He said that they didn't offer him a bribe," O'Dwyer said. "I had never met the boy before in my life and was impressed he was telling me the truth. No one said to me that he directly or indirectly was offered a bribe."

"It is very easy to rob a person of his reputation, but very wrong to do so unless you know what you are doing."

The Mayor refused to defend Hapes, the other player, who was

declared ineligible for the championship game with the Chicago Bears.

"The District Attorney has all the facts and I will not comment," he said.

Meanwhile, New York police picked up Sidney Paris, father of the handsome, curly-haired gambler, and held him for questioning. He discussed the case willingly, police said.

"If my son is innocent, I am behind him 100 percent," he told police. "If he is guilty, I am doubly behind him."

## And 15,000 Voices Replied 'Viva!'

Vicente Lombardo Toledano finished his speech and laid aside his manuscript. It had been a crackling speech shot into the microphone in Spanish and translated periodically.

Hundreds who understood Spanish burst into applause while he spoke; other thousands banked around the Garden platform joined in. Lombardo waited and the interpreter said, "And therefore if there is to be a consolidation of the peace the governments of the United States and Great Britain don't need to keep fascist Franco as a base for a World War III"—and "to Latin Americans the war will NEVER be over until the Spanish Republic is reestablished!"

The formal speech over, Toledano, who reminds one a little of Rep. Vito Marcantonio, pushed aside the Spanish script and spoke a few impassioned words in broken but not halting English. He declared that the question of war and peace and the ousting of Franco was pri-

marily the responsibility of the people of the United States but that they would be backed to the hilt by the workers and progressives of Latin America.

### VIVA

Then he shouted into the microphone:

"Viva la republica!" and the crowd roared back "Viva!"

Again, louder, "Viva la republica!" and again the thunderous response "Viva!" then once again and as he strode quickly off the platform the entire 15,000 were on their feet cheering.

There are meetings and there are meetings at Madison Square Garden. Sometimes they are just good and sometimes they are exciting. This Monday night meeting of the Spanish Refugee Appeal came afire with the feeling of impatience at the continued existence of Hitlerism in the post-Hitler world and with the feeling of the power of millions behind the cry of "Franco Must Go!"

Up to the platform in turn came

the United Nations representatives of the reborn European democracies. As each was announced, veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade escorted him up the aisle carrying the American flag on one side and the flag of the delegate's country on the other.

The giant spotlights played down and the chorus sang songs of democracy.

One of the greatest cheers of all came when Ambassador Oscar Lange told how proud he was that Poles played a prominent role in the International Brigade along with Yugoslavs, Czechoslovaks, Frenchmen, Americans and so many others.

"We are also proud," he said, "that one of the greatest commanders in Spain, a man known to all Spanish war veterans, Gen. Walker, was a Pole. Unfortunately, he went on with a smile, 'he cannot be here tonight. He had to go home recently inasmuch as he is now Minister of Defense of the Polish Republic.'"



by BARNARD RUBIN

**KEY** figure in the attempted football fix—and still unmentioned—is a former USO entertainer who returned from overseas about a half year ago. She is said to have laid the groundwork, so to speak, for the contact between the would-be bribers and footballers. Watch for her appearance in the case soon. . . .

Bette Davis taking painting lessons from her artist husband. . . . Judith Anderson considering having her portrait done by Salvatore Dali. Her stage plans include the ancient Greek drama, Euripides' Medea—Robinson Jeffers' version. . . . Leo Durocher in Hollywood—Lorraine Day—dreaming. . . .

NBC, in an obvious anti-union maneuver, giving two weeks' bonus to all employees not covered by the union contract. . . .

Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer soon will be producing, in Switzerland, Tieup is with Lazar Wechsler, who made "The Last Chance." . . . Leon Roth a sure shot for next president of the Screen Publicists' Guild. . . .

Richard Dyer-Bennet, ballad singer, and Yela Fessl, noted harpsichordist and director of the Bach Circle, will switch acts at the Dec. 23 Town Hall program. He'll sing Bach; she'll play an Ozark mountain tune. . . . Soviet movie director Eisenstein's film, originally called Ivan the Great, having its monicker changed to Ivan the Terrible. . . . Toots Shor, living down his reputation as a nice guy by running an open shop, fighting off the union. . . .



**Newspaper Talk:** How come the New York Times (Fits the News to Print) nixed the story on its own Trieste correspondent's being bounced around by American Military Government officials there? Correspondent tried to file his eyewitness account of the popular support for Tito in Trieste. . . .

The Journal-American boys ought to get together. One day, Pegler makes a great to-do about Durocher's alleged sinister connections; the next day, Bill Corum, commenting on the column, says he never saw so much space devoted to so little. . . .

New York Republicans are nervous about their party's Dual Endorsement measure, aimed primarily at preventing ALP candidates from running on other tickets. Politics fear that if the proposition is passed they may lose a few seats because Republicans with good records will be denied labor support. . . .

**Sydenham Story:** Seldom has there been such an example of the essential goodness of the common man as the people's response to the cause of saving Sydenham Hospital. As you know, Sydenham is the one hospital which has a completely interracial setup—both among patients and professional staff.

During the war, it was the only U.S. hospital which experienced no shortage of nurses. It gladly accepted Negro nurses while other short-staffed hospitals rejected them—and caused patients needless suffering.

I spent most of a day at Sydenham recently. It was a heartwarming experience. . . .

Unknown to the hospital people themselves, the interracial policy had evoked a deep and fervent response from our entire community, whites as well as Negroes.

While I watched, kids brought in money they had saved to buy Christmas presents for their parents. They left to present their folks with the best gifts in New York today—donation receipts from the hospital.

Internes were giving from their pitiful \$30 a month salaries. Union nurses were offering to split their pay for the duration of the emergency.

Small donations were coming in not only from Negroes in the South but from those commonly called poor whites.

Broadway entertainers responded with their traditional generosity. Sophie Tucker sent in \$1,000 as did Garson Kanin and wife, Ruth Gordon. Kate Smith gave the cause a pitch on her program. WNEW still is donating free plugs. Maxine Sullivan is organizing a committee, aided by press agent Bill Terry, and getting the cooperation of the Golden Gate. (When asked about expenses, Maxine chirped: "What expenses?")

Offering their services are Jose Ferrer, Moss Hart, Ralph Bellamy, Frank Sinatra, Susan Reed, The Ink Spots, The King Cole Trio, Key-note Recordings, Madison Vaughn, Lucky Millender and his band; ditto with Coleman Hawkins and Vincent Lopez. And more and more. . . .

Cash collections by the staffs of International News Service (Hearst) and the Daily Worker (non-Hearst). . . . A Feb. 22 benefit at Town Hall by gallant Jimmy Savo (new leg and all). . . . Proceeds from the Provincetown Players' Dec. 26 performance of "Pirates of Penzance." . . . An offer by Joe Gould of Havana-Madrid to lend his club for a benefit cocktail party in January. . . .

Even the hard-bitten press agents are chipping in—among them Eddie Lee, Mike Hutter and Will Yolen of WNEW.

Tens of thousands of small contributions by members of organized labor have poured in. A CIO Furriers Union organizer brought in a \$425 spontaneous collection from the fur workers.

Yesterday one man came in with \$125—and his wife, to be operated on. . . .

Give most of the credit for all this to PM, which broke the story with a direct appeal to the public. To plagiarize that newspaper's feature title, "Hats Off!" from this column to an alert and warm-hearted staff.

There'll be a Sydenham Tag Day on Feb. 15 and 16. See you then. . . .

Item of Social Significance: Metro's Louis B. Mayer ready to plank down \$350,000 (you heard me) for an Australian horse with a 200-year-old pedigree.

### JERSEY AFL REELECTS CHIEFS

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 17.—The New Jersey Federation of Labor convention today reelected the same officers who have led the organization for the past 15 years. The session also heard secretary-treasurer Vincent Murphy, who is Mayor of Newark, call for greater activity to block anti-labor legislation. President Louis P. Marcianite and Vincent Murphy, together with 12 vice-presidents, make up the re-elected executive council.